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FILM, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY,)	
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING)	
SHEET POLARIZERS)	

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby submit the cited information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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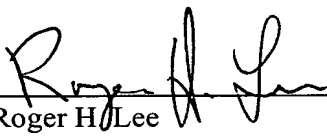
It is noted that Japanese Patent Document No. 7-261024 and the Dreyer document cited in the attached form PTO-1449 are discussed in the present specification at pages 2 and 3.

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